

I am in favor of, at least keeping the 5 wpm code. And, maybe for having 12 wpm for Extra, although that's unlikely. I think cw is and can be a wonderful mode of communication. In times of great disaster or catastrophe, can be lifesaving and possibly the only mode of communication available. It is the mode that got ham radio where it is today. It's the foundation of ham radio and would be a shame to lose it. Every ham or potential ham should know that cw played and still plays a big part in the amateur radio service. Opening the gates for the masses could be a big pitfall in the long run. Look what happened to CB. Too many people to keep track of and too many to control, and the masses today do need controlling to some extent. Cw should be part of ham radio and every ham should know that. It is where ham radio started and can be useful in times of emergency or disaster. George Washington was the first president and all real americans should know that, even though it has nothing to do with the present. When you start to lose the past, you will have no future. Let's keep the code as part of licensing and as part of ham radio. Besides, 5wpm just ain't that hard to learn for anyone. If some one is blind, deaf and mute, they could get an exemption, but then, what would they do with a radio anyway. Also, I think exam takers should be allowed to take the exam over one time, they can be nervous or overwhelmed the first time, so maybe they should have another chance at it, only one chance.

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